



**Proposed Agenda  
WORKING GROUP MEETING  
Thursday, July 15, 1999**

**SWANSEA RECREATION CENTER  
2659 East 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

**BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES FOR THIS MEETING**

Sampling Plan: EPA has prepared a project plan for sampling the residential properties within the VB/170 study area. This plan was prepared with input from the Working Group and addresses the Risk Management objectives developed for the residential areas of the site. The objective of this Working Group meeting is to provide a forum for discussing any aspect of the plan that still needs to be clarified before sampling begins on July 26.

Project overview: This meeting is also an opportunity to discuss the status of the entire project in greater detail, from possible listing of the site on the National Priorities List (NPL) to EPA's Record of Decision (ROD).

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Updates will include the following**

- ✓ NPL listing
- ✓ community involvement activities
- ✓ comparative soil study
- ✓ access agreements for Phase III sampling
- ✓ review of technical meetings (June 10, June 14, June 18)

**2. Identify and discuss the most significant questions or concerns about EPA's proposed Phase III Project Plan (residential soil sampling).**

The plan incorporates the following design aspects:

- ✓ Samples will be collected from the top two inches of soil only.
- ✓ Three composite samples of 10 subsamples each will be collected from each property.
- ✓ Approximately 60-90 samples will be sieved to the fine fraction.
- ✓ Samples will be analyzed for lead and arsenic and possibly thallium.
- ✓ Dust will be collected from approximately 60-90 residences.

- ✓ 4-6 alleyways will be sampled.
- ✓ Schools and parks not previously sampled will be included.

EPA received comments at Working Group meetings and technical meetings regarding the adequacy of the design to support evaluations of short-term risks. Attachment 1 to the project plan is an evaluation of the sampling which determines whether a yard that passed the test for long term risk could have contamination levels that present acute or sub-chronic risks.

It is proposed that this agenda item include **two, concurrent sessions:**

- ✓ **A breakout session of toxicologists will focus on the toxicity factors or “safe” doses EPA chose for acute and sub-chronic risks. They will discuss the screening level evaluation of acute and sub-chronic risks.**
- ✓ **During the toxicologists’ breakout session, the remaining Working Group members will discuss other aspects of the project plan as needed—especially noting any remaining questions or final comments on the soil sampling plan.**
- ✓ After approximately 45 minutes, the toxicology group will come back and make a report to the full Working Group.
- ✓ At the conclusion of this agenda item, the Working Group will discuss how the project plan meets the study objective of providing sufficient soil data to support an evaluation of short and long term risks.

### **3. Program overview and schedule update**

EPA will inform the Working Group of the current schedule for completion of major milestones of the Superfund project, through the completion of the Record of Decision for the residential areas of the site. The Working Group will identify the key activities of other groups that support, provide information to, or need to be coordinated with the Superfund activities.

### **4. ATSDR updates**

- ✓ New staff—roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Garden produce consultation
- ✓ Health promotion activities

### **5. Next steps**

- ✓ August 5 meeting and beyond
- ✓ Evaluation of this meeting